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WASHINGTON, D.C. UPDATE ON SENATE PASSAGE OF RESOLUTION TO ENFORCE A SUBPOENA AGAINST BACKPAGE.COM

This memorandum is to inform the Board that, on March 17, 2016, the Senate passed, on a 96 to 0 vote, S. Res. 377, which is a County-supported Senate resolution directing the Senate Legal Counsel to enforce a subpoena of the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations against Backpage.com.

The Subcommittee has been investigating online sex trafficking since April 2015. Backpage.com, an online website which is a market leader in commercial sex advertising linked to hundreds of child sex trafficking cases, has not complied with the Subcommittee's subpoenas requesting information and documents. The Senate's passage of S. Res. 377 authorizes the Senate Legal Counsel to bring civil action in Federal courts to enforce the latest subpoena on Backpage.com.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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